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SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF US FORCES IN THAILAND

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1. PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT PARA 2 REFTEL APPROVED. PLEASE PROVIDE TIME AND DATE THE THAI PLAN TO RELEASE IT SO WE CAN MAKE SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT HERE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT IN VIEW OF THE EVACUATION OF SAIGON, THE THAI WOULD AGREE TO DELAY A FEW DAYS, PERHAPS UNTIL THE WEEKEND, SO AS TO AVOID CREATING THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS SOME DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THIS WITHDRAWAL AND EVENTS IN SAIGON. WE SUGGEST YOU CONTACT CHATCHAI AND URGE HIM TO ACCEPT THIS DELAY SINCE HE IS THE ONE MOST LIKELY TO LEAK.

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2. Q'S AND A'S ALSO APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITION:

QUESTION: WHAT RELATIONSHIP DOES THIS ANNOUNCEMENT HAVE TO THE U.S. EVACUATION OF SAIGON?

ANSWER: THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THAI GOVERNMENTS WHICH PREDATES RECENT EVENTS IN INDOCHINA AND THIS ANNOUNCEMENT HAS NO DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO THE U.S. EVACUATION OF SAIGON.

3. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE THAI BE GIVEN A COPY OF OUR Q'S AND A'S UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OVERRIDING REASONS TO DO OTHERWISE. KISSINGER

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